



**PHEASANT RELEASE PROGRAM  
2012 APPLICATION FORM**

*Incomplete or illegible information will not be accepted for consideration.*

**Instructions:** The completed form with attached maps must be submitted to FWP's headquarters in Helena by May 15. Please print or type. **Note:** a maximum of 200 pheasants can be released per application, depending on habitat conditions. Applicants can submit multiple applications for different areas if they anticipate releasing more than 200 birds. Please submit more than 1 application for release sites more than 5 miles apart.

**Map Instructions:** Submit aerial photos/maps with (1) property boundaries delineated to show areas open to public hunting and (2) delineation of specific cover types (e.g., winter cover, CRP, wetlands, grain fields/food sources, riparian corridors, etc.), with the approximate acres or percentages reported on the habitat map.

*More information and FWP's mailing address are located on page 4.*

Name of individual or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person, if organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Did you release pheasants last year under this program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you own the property where the pheasant release and hunting access will take place?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not own the property where the release will occur, complete the following information:

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: The Landowner's signature is required at the end of this application.**

**Release Site Information:**

Legal name of property, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ *Example: Lazy Heart Ranch*

Legal description and acres of release site(s): T\_\_\_\_, R\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_, 1/4 \_\_\_\_ Acres: \_\_\_\_

Minimum of 160 contiguous acres  
per release site; 80 contiguous acres  
acceptable if a viable habitat base  
will establish a pheasant population

T\_\_\_\_, R\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_, 1/4 \_\_\_\_ Acres: \_\_\_\_

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**Access Area Information:**

Is the property currently enrolled in Block Management? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, name of Block Management Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description and acres of access area(s): T\_\_\_\_, R\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_\_, 1/4 \_\_\_\_ Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check one of the following:

( ) Birds will be raised to 10 weeks by the landowner  
or

( ) 10 week-old birds will be purchased from another source.

Name of the hatchery or commercial pheasant raiser where eggs or birds will be obtained:

\_\_\_\_\_

**If you would like to assign payment to someone other than the landowner, please list his or her information below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hunter Contact Information:**

The Pheasant Release Program requires that all releases occur on land open to free public hunting during the year of release. The location of the release is published annually in the Upland Game Bird Access Guide and also includes landowner contact information for hunters to obtain permission prior to their hunt. Please provide the Department with your preference for contact by selecting **the most appropriate (only 1)** option below. If appropriate, include days of the week, time frame, and the location that you wish to be contacted. The information you provide below will be published in the annual Upland Game Bird Access Guide.

☐ Permission is handled through the Block Management Program.

☐ By phone, during the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; on days of the week \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_; at phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

Are reservations taken? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

☐ In person, during the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; on days of the week \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_; at physical address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Are reservations taken? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

☐ By email, at email address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Are reservations taken? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

☐ Walk-in hunting allowed with no further permission required.

☐ Contact information is available onsite and through FWP Regional Offices.

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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I, the undersigned, am aware of the following obligations and requirements concerning enrollment in this program:

1. I am required to allow a reasonable amount of free public upland game bird hunting.
2. I cannot charge for hunting or access to the acres enrolled in this program.
3. For the purposes of documenting hunter use, the Department may require the Cooperator to keep a record of upland game bird hunter use.
4. The area will be signed by FWP showing it is enrolled in the Pheasant Release program. Signs must remain in place for the entire hunting season following the release.
5. The location of the project and landowner's contact information, or designated contact person, will be published in the annual Upland Game Bird Access Guide.
6. All birds released must be at least 10 weeks old and fully feathered.
7. A minimum of 40% of the released birds must be roosters.
8. Violation of the terms of any agreement entered into as a result of this application will require repayment to FWP of funds received under the program.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If different from the Applicant**, the Owner indicates their agreement for the release and their willingness to comply with the program requirements listed above.

Owner's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Helpful Information:**

Thank you for your interest in the Upland Game Bird Release Program. The purpose of this program is to help landowners and other interested individuals establish pheasant populations in suitable habitats.

### **Habitat needs for pheasants:**

To be considered for authorization, habitat must be available within one mile of each release site that consists of at least:

- 10% permanent winter cover
- 25% idle cover such as undisturbed residual vegetation 10 or more inches high
- 10% food sources, such as cultivated grain

**Release sites** are normally a minimum of 160 contiguous acres. Release sites as small as 80 contiguous acres will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be authorized if the acreage involved would provide a viable habitat base for the number of birds authorized to be released.

**Access Area** is the land open to public upland game bird hunting.

**Maps** should contain the following information:

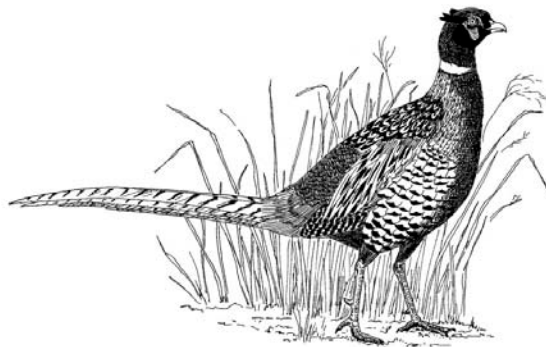
- Release sites with specific cover types (winter cover, nesting cover, and food sources) delineated on an aerial photo covering the land on which the birds are to be released. Provide acreages or percentages of these cover types on your map.
- Property boundaries delineating acreage open for public access.

### **Where to obtain 10-week old pheasants**

Please contact the program coordinator to receive a list of Montana pheasant raisers. Call 406-444-5674 or by email at [dhohler@mt.gov](mailto:dhohler@mt.gov)

## **Send your completed application and maps, no later than May 15, 2012, to:**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1420 East Sixth Avenue  
P.O. Box 200701  
Helena, MT 59620-0701  
Attn: UGBEP



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